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## **SECTION I**

## INTRODUCTION

#### Overview

In the years since 1969, the UNIX operating system has acquired many admirers in the computing world. It is especially suitable for experienced programmers to develop software quickly and efficiently. However, casual users are frequently confused by the bewildering array of command names and related system directories.

To address the needs of the less experienced user, Honeywell Bull have developed easylife. This procedure allows menu-driven access of the UNIX functions and packages.

The System Administrator may use easylife to define a customized environment for a new user, in which logically connected commands are grouped together in menus. Those users not requiring a particular range of functionality, for example mail facilities or the calculator, will not have these options in their directories.

When the new user logs in, one of two alternatives can occur:

- If configured to be a normal UNIX user, the appropriate shell will be invoked, and the new user may commence a normal UNIX session.
- If configured to be an easylife user, the Main Menu of the customized environment will be displayed. The user may locate the required function by an hierarchical descent to the relevant menu.

The easylife user may be configured with the ability to write shell script applications and build them into a personalised menu.

Experienced programmers may also find easylife useful, when they require to access some UNIX functionality with which they are not familiar.

### **Design Considerations**

The basic design concept incorporated in easylife was that of:

FUNCTIONALITY -> ACTION -> OBJECT.

The main menu contains an entry for each of the main areas of functionality in UNIX. These are:

- Services
- File Management
- Applications
- Software Factory
- System Administrator.

By selecting a FUNCTIONALITY, the user may access a menu of the associated ACTIONS. An ACTION indirectly invokes a UNIX command.

Most UNIX commands work on OBJECTS such as source files, terminal files or printer files. When an ACTION is invoked, a list of viable OBJECTS is displayed in an OBJECT window.

To illustrate these points, the screens displayed in a short easylife session are shown below.

When user yourname enters the command easylife the main menu is displayed:

# Easylife R -(c)1986 Honeywell Bull 5 /usr/yourname

TAB for info

Main Menu

<SERVICES>
File Management
Applications
Software Factory
System Administration
Exit

When the user selects the *File Management* option the following menu is displayed:

# Easylife R -(c)1986 Honeywell Bull 5 /usr/yourname

TAB for info

Main Menu

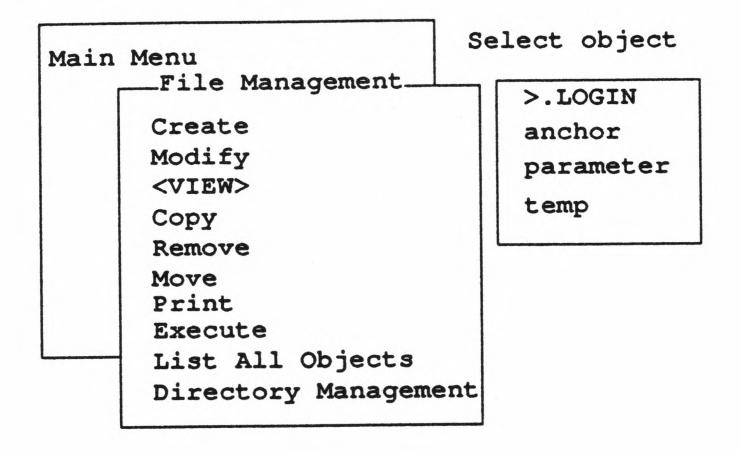
File Management

<CREATE>
Modify
View
Copy
Remove
Move
Print
Execute
List All Objects
Directory Management

When the user selects the VIEW option, all the OBJECTS, in this case the files in the current directory, are displayed in an OBJECT window that is overlaid on the screen:

# Easylife R -(c) 1986 Honeywell Bull 5 /usr/yourname

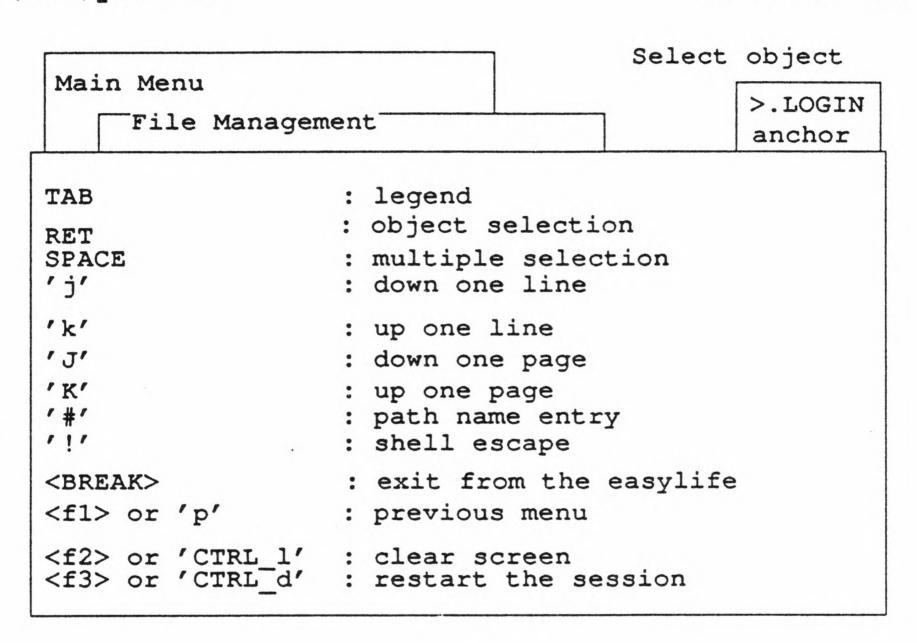
TAB for info



At any time, in any menu, the user may press the  $\langle TAB \rangle$  key. This will cause a list of the currently available special keys to be displayed in a window on the left of the screen:

# Easylife R -(c)1986 Honeywell Bull 5 /usr/yourname

TAB for info



In different menus, this window may contain different special keys.

### National Languages In easylife

The UNIX operating system and its commands are very definitely aimed at an English-speaking audience. Commands such as grep - "get regular expression" - are obscure, even for people who know English well.

The easylife procedure protects users from this problem, by using an interface of menus, written in everyday language, to access the UNIX commands indirectly. English, Italian and French versions of the menus are supplied at installation time.

In fact, easylife is so versatile that it can work when different languages are being used simultaneously on different terminals.

## **SECTION II**

## STRUCTURE OF easylife

### Run-time easylife and Full System easylife

Machines that have both GCOS4 and UNIX installed are supplied with a system disk that contains all the menus of an enhanced version of easylife. The enhancements are extra menus to manage the GCOS4-UNIX interface, and may be found in Section VII, "easylife AND GCOS4".

The system disk on a UNIX-only machine is supplied solely with sufficient menus to manage the run-time file system. See the "EASYCONF USER'S GUIDE" for a discussion of the functions contained in each extension to the file system. Section VI of the current manual contains a list of the subset of menus available to the run-time easylife user. To manage the functions supplied in any of the other four extensions of the full system, the user must load all of the remaining easylife menus. See the section entitled "INSTALLATION OF DELTA easylife" in the "SYSTEM OPERATIONS GUIDE".

There is a slightly reduced subset of menus that may be found on both a UNIX-only machine and a UNIX-GCOS4 machine. This is composed of almost all the full system easylife menus of the UNIX-only machine, without the GCOS4-UNIX interface menus of the GCOS4-UNIX machine. The remainder of the manual should be read primarily from the point of view of a user working with this subset of menus.

#### Files Installed

The following is a list of the main files used by easylife:

• /usr/bin/easylife : run-time procedure

• /usr/bin/lm : run-time utility

• /usr/lib/easy2 : directory containing:

- .login file

- .profile

- Tcap (colour terminal info)

- english, italian, french (reference language menu directories)

- \*.conv (message files)

- langfile (existing reference languages)

- paths (internal path names)

- type (for GCOS/UNIX)

- unix.login (for C shell User)

disk\_type (list of supported disks)

/usr/EASY2/root/\*.menu: directory containing preconfigured

super-user's menus

/usr/EASY2/lp/\*.menu : directory containing preconfigured Printer

Administrator's menus

• /usr/bin/easylan : these are add-on packages

• /usr/bin/easybsc : invoked via the Packages option,

• /usr/bin/easysna : when a LAN, BSC or SNA network is

available

### **Terminal Requirements**

The easylife procedure can run on a variety of terminals. It provides four different choices of window, ranging from graphics windows, to windows built from characters, such as - and l. The second type works in three different modes depending on the terminal: fully highlighted windows with inverse video, partially highlighted windows, and simple windows. These types may all be chosen using the Window Appearance option in the easylife Parameters menu. This variety is provided to enable users to run easylife, even if their terminals do not support sophisticated screen attributes. Simple windows, which are the default, should not cause problems in any environment.

The easylife procedure updates the usr/lib/terminfo directory containing the system terminal capability files. For easylife to work fully on a particular terminal, the description of that terminal, in /usr/lib/terminfo, must have enough information for the screen editor, vi, to run, and must also include information about arrow keys and function keys.

It must be emphasised that easylife will not work properly with terminals that have incomplete /usr/lib/terminfo descriptions. Nevertheless, most functions can be accessed by two different keys, for example, < fl> has the same effect as p. Therefore, it should be possible to operate the program in raw environments.

#### **Additional Notes for Colour Terminals**

If a user has a colour terminal, there may be additional operations to perform. If the colour terminal is not of type hw50, and the user does not wish to have a coloured display, no further action is necessary. If the user has an hw50, but is content with the defaults, no further action is necessary.

The file /usr/lib/easy2/Tcap is supplied with a single entry that describes the default colours for the easylife masks on an hw50. This entry is of the form:

#hw50 : terminal type

HEADER=^[[002v : colour of the header title UNDERLINED=^[[004v : colour of the underlining

BOXES=^[[001v : colour of the box borders

)) : entry terminator

In the documentation supplied with the colour terminal, the user should find the section that deals with the escape sequences for setting colours. If the user has an hw50, and wishes to change the default colours, it is only necessary to edit the HEADER, UNDERLINED, and BOXES parameters. To add a different colour terminal, copy an existing entry, change the terminal name, and then use the manufacturer's documentation to edit the control sequences to the colours desired.

## **SECTION III**

# **USING** easylife

### Using The easylife Menus

The easylife procedure is designed to be used by means of a series of hierarchical menus. The UNIX functions and other System Administration procedures are grouped in logically connected sets. When an easylife user logs in, the Main Menu is displayed. From this menu, the user may descend, through the different levels of the menu hierarchy, to the sub-menu in which the required function resides.

The name of the sub-menu is always the first line of its own sub-menu; this line is a title and not a selectable option. When a new sub-menu is displayed, it is overlaid on the previous menu, but offset by one character horizontally to the right, and one character vertically downward. This enables the user to see the name of the previous menu, thus showing how the function fits into the overall structure.

Before selecting an option, the user can move down through the menu by pressing the key j, or the *down-arrow* key. The user can move up by pressing the key k, or the *up-arrow* key.

The option currently ready for selection is highlighted. On some terminals this may mean using inverse video; on others, changing the background colour; on others parenthesising the option and changing its characters to upper case. To finalize the selection, the user should press the  $\langle RET \rangle$  key. The corresponding menu will be displayed.

The execution of one type of menu entry may request a new value that did not previously exist, for instance, the name of a new file to be created. Selection of this type of menu entry will cause a message to be displayed, on the bottom left of the screen, which requests the user to input a suitable value. The user should enter the value and then press  $\langle RET \rangle$  to continue.

A second type of menu entry may require a value from a fixed list, for instance, a file name from an existing directory. In this case, a box containing all the permissible values will be displayed on the right of the screen. Use the key j, or the down-arrow key, to move down, and the key k, or the up-arrow key, to move up the list. To select a parameter in the box, press  $\langle SPACE \rangle$ . A dollar sign, f, is displayed to show that the parameter has been selected. Re-pressing  $\langle SPACE \rangle$  de-selects the parameter, and the dollar sign disapppears.

When sufficient parameters have been selected, and a coherent command line has been constructed, the user should press  $\langle RET \rangle$  to request the execution of the command. A message, seeking confirmation of the request, will be displayed. To run the command, enter y and then press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

### Calling easylearn From easylife

The easylife users, who also have easylearn installed, may call easylearn directly from easylife, in two different ways.

It is possible to go to the *Main Menu* of easylearn, from every point in the easylife structure, by pressing the question mark key,?. The user may then descend to any point desired in the easylearn menus. To return to easylife, select the *Exit* option in the main menu of easylearn, or press <*BREAK*>. See the "easylearn USER GUIDE".

At some lower levels of the easylife heirarchy, the user may go directly to the corresponding entry in the easylearn menus, by pressing <f4> or a. By doing so, the user may obtain more information on the command and its parameters. The related UNIX manual entry may also be available for displaying on the screen, or listing on a printer. Press <f1> or p to return to easylife.

### **Currently Available easylife Commands**

The set of currently available easylife commands changes depending on where in the session the user is. For instance, if the user were still in the Main Menu, it would not be possible to use the key J, which is reserved for going down a page in an object list. The user may discover which easylife commands are currently available, by pressing the  $\langle TAB \rangle$  key to list them.

The following is a complete list of all the easylife commands.

TAB	:	legend
RET	:	object selection
SPACE	:	multiple selection
'j'	:	down one line
'k'	:	up one line
'J'	:	down one page
'K'	:	up the page
#	:	path name entry
!	:	shell escape
?	:	main menu easylearn
/	:	change directory
•	:	shortcut to the Service menu
' <b>-</b> '	:	previous month
<b>'+'</b>	:	next month
<break></break>	:	exit from the easylife session
<f1> or 'p'</f1>	:	return to the previous menu
<f2> or 'ctrl-l'</f2>	:	refresh the screen
<f3> or 'ctrl-d'</f3>	:	restart the session
<f4> or 'a'</f4>	:	corresponding menu easylearn
<f5> + any key</f5>	:	set anchor
<f6> + any key</f6>	:	call anchor

#### **Anchors**

After using easylife for some time, the user may discover that some menu options are used very frequently. It is possible to access these entries directly by setting anchors. To set an anchor, the user moves to a menu option in the normal way, and then presses <f5> followed by another key, the anchor. If, when in another menu, the user wishes to return to the anchored entry, it is now only necessary to press <f6> followed by the same anchor key.

There may be as many anchors as there are free keys available. Anchors may be listed, removed, or saved for use in successive sessions. See the Services/Anchor Management menu.

#### **Error Handling**

The UNIX commands launched by programs often return error messages on a file called *standard error*, or *stderr*. This file, which is normally displayed straight away on the screen, has been redirected by *easylife* to a file that is updated whenever an error occurs. If the file becomes full, the user is given the option of saving it to another file. Each time the file is updated, a message is sent to the screen.

The error file may be viewed when, during the course of an easylife session, ERR appears in the top right-hand corner of the screen; use the Services/Error Handling/View option. The error file may be found in the directory /usr/tmp, and is removed by easylife at the end of session. The name of the file is ern(xxx), where xxx is the process identity of easylife. Every time a message is written to stderr, there is a corresponding message written to this file, consisting of the date, time and command that generated the error.

If the user launches a process in background, a file named eouerr is created in the current directory. This holds any error messages that occur in the background process.

## **SECTION IV**

## **MAKING A USER**

This section accesses functions only available to a user who has loaded all of the easylife menus, and is aimed mainly at the System Administrator. Section III should be read first, to learn how to move from one menu to another. The first part of this section describes how an easylife user may be created and configured. A specimen configuration session is included below, followed by a description of how an easylife user may write shell script applications, and include these in a menu. The last part of the section describes how to make a 'hybrid' user. It is assumed that the System Administrator is either root, or at least has superuser privileges.

### Configuring An easylife User

1. The System Administrator should login, and in response to the prompt enter:

# easylife

and press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

- 2. The screen will clear and then display the *Main Menu* of the *easylife* procedure. Using the method described in Section III, select the *System Administration* option.
- 3. From this menu select the User Configuration option.

There are now many options open to the System Administrator, as there are a wide range of possible user environments that may be created. Since it is impracticable to deal with all of these, there follows a single specimen session describing a specific customization of a user's environment. This session should provide the System Administrator with sufficient indication as to how any other customization should proceed.

The aim below is to create a new easylife user, called qwer. This user will be configured to have the functions necessary to write and compile C language programs, to use the UNIPLEX word processor, and to create a menu to hold applications written as shell scripts.

- 4. In this menu, select the Create New Easylife User option.
- 5. On the bottom line is displayed:

User name :

Enter qwer and press < RET>. The name must conform to UNIX conventions.

6. On the bottom line is displayed:

Partition (default /usr) :

Press < RET > to select the /usr partition.

7. On the bottom line is displayed:

Comment (optional) :

This may be used to hold extra information, like the user's address and telephone number, or simple mnemonic phrases. The field must conform to UNIX conventions. Enter:

qwer is an easylife user

and press < RET >.

8. On the bottom line is displayed:

Protect customization ? (y/n)

Enter n and press  $\langle RET \rangle$ . If y, the user's files will be write-protected by root, and therefore unmodifiable by the user.

9. On the bottom line is displayed:

Shell type (sh or csh) :

Enter sh and press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

10. On the bottom line is displayed a message similar to:

qwer::26:37:qwer is an easylife

user:/usr/qwer:/bin/sh

Confirm ? (y/n)

The user and group identities, :26:37:, will almost certainly be different on a different system. Enter y and press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

- 11. In the bottom left corner, the word Wait will be displayed while the new user is being put on the system. After a few seconds, the Customize Menu menu is automatically displayed. Select Interactive Configuration. This allows the System Administrator to choose only those menus necessary for the new user.
- 12. The Available Languages menu is displayed. Select English.

13. The following menu is displayed:

Menu: Main Menu

Interactive customization. <RET> to confirm menu.

( ) 0) Services
( ) 1) File Management
( ) 2) Applications
( ) 3) Software Factory
( ) 4) System Administration
( ) 5) Exit

()5) Exit Number of selected entry ("a/A" for all):

To select the Software Factory option, enter the corresponding number, 3, and press <RET>.

14. The following menu is displayed:

Interactive customization. <RET> to confirm menu.

Menu: Software Factory

( ) 0) C ( ) 1) C SVS ( ) 2) RM/COBOL-85

( ) 3) MICRO-FOCUS COBOL

( ) 4) SVS BASIC Interpreter

() 5) SVS FORTRAN

( ) 6) SVS PASCAL

Number of selected entry ("a/A" for all) :

Press 0 for C, and press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

15. The following menu is displayed:

Menu: C Language

Interactive customization. <RET> to confirm menu.

( ) 0) Source Program Handling
( ) 1) Compile and Link
( ) 2) Tools
( ) 3) Run Programs
Number of selected entry ("a/A" for all) :

Enter a, followed by  $\langle RET \rangle$ . In this way, the user has the full range of functions pertaining to the C Language.

16. Since all the options have been included, no more can be done at this level. There is an automatic return to the previous menu, and the Software Factory menu is redisplayed:

Interactive customization. <RET> to confirm menu.

Menu: Software Factory

The asterisk, \*, in the brackets on the C Language option line, indicates that the System Administrator has worked on that option. No more options from this menu are required, so press <RET> to confirm that no further modifications will be made.

#### 17. The Main Menu is redisplayed:

Menu: Main Menu

Interactive customization. <RET> to confirm menu.

( ) 0) Services
( ) 1) File Management
( ) 2) Applications
(\*) 3) Software Factory
( ) 4) System Administration
( ) 5) Exit
Number of selected entry ("a/A" for all) :

The asterisk in the Software Factory option line, shows that the System Administrator has worked on this menu.

In order to include the UNIPLEX word processor, and the User function for running personal applications, select the *Applications* option, by pressing 2, followed by <*RET*>.

18. The following menu is displayed:

Interactive customization. <RET> to confirm menu.

Menu: Applications

() 0) Document Handling
() 1) User
() 2) Communication
() 3) UNIPLEX
() 4) UNIFY
() 5) INFORMIX SQL
() 6) INFORMIX 4GL

Number of selected entry ("a/A" for all) :

Press 3 to select UNIPLEX, and press <RET>.

19. The menu is redisplayed:

Interactive customization. <RET> to confirm menu.

Menu: Applications

- ( ) 0) Document Handling
- ( ) 1) User
- ( ) 2) Communication
- (\*) 3) UNIPLEX
- ( ) 4) UNIFY
- ( ) 5) INFORMIX SQL
- () 6) INFORMIX 4GL

Number of selected entry ("a/A" for all) :

The asterisk indicates that *UNIPLEX* has been selected. To select the *User* option, press 1 followed by <*RET*>.

20. The menu is redisplayed:

Interactive customization. <RET> to confirm menu.

Menu: Applications

- ( ) 0) Document Handling
- (\*) 1) User
- () 2) Communication
- (\*) 3) UNIPLEX
- ( ) 4) UNIFY
- ( ) 5) INFORMIX SQL
- () 6) INFORMIX 4GL

Number of selected entry ("a/A" for all) :

The asterisk indicates that *User* has also been selected. As this menu is no longer required, press <*RET*> to confirm that there will be no more modifications made.

21. The previous menu, which in this case was the Main Menu, is automatically redisplayed.

#### Interactive customization. <RET> to confirm menu.

Menu: Main Menu

- ()0) Services
- ( ) 1) File Management
- (\*) 2) Applications
- (\*) 3) Software Factory
- () 4) System Administration
- ()5) Exit

Number of selected entry ("a/A" for all) :

In order to enable the user to configure a personal application menu, it is necessary to include the *User Menu Management* functions, which are contained in the *Services* menu. Press 0 and then *<RET>* to select the *Services* option.

#### 22. The Services Menu is displayed:

#### Interactive customization. <RET> to confirm menu.

Menu: Services Menu

- ( ) 0) Clock
- ()1) Calendar
- () 2) Mail
- ()3) Calculator
- ( ) 4) Error Handling
- ( ) 5) "Easylife" Parameters
- ( ) 6) User Menu
- ( ) 7) Anchor Management
- ()8) Messages
- () 9) Context information

Number of selected entry ("a/A" for all) :

It is only necessary to press 6, to select the *User Menu* menu. However, it is normally advisable to include the other services, so enter a and then press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

23. Since no more can be done in the Services Menu, the Main Menu is automatically redisplayed:

Interactive customization. <RET> to confirm menu.

Menu: Main Menu

- (\*) 0) Services
  ( ) 1) File Management
  (\*) 2) Applications
  (\*) 3) Software Factory
  ( ) 4) System Administration
  ( ) 5) Exit
  Number of selected entry ("a/A" for all) :
  - The Main Menu has asterisks in the Services, Applications and Software Factory option lines; these refer to the menus selected for qwer by the

No more is required for user qwer's configuration. Press <RET> to confirm this selection.

- 24. The System Administrator is returned to the Available Languages menu. Press p four times to ascend through the hierarchy to the Main Menu.
- 25. Select the Exit option to leave easylife.

System Administrator.

The new user may use the system straight away. To confirm that the new user is working as expected, the System Administrator should logout and login again as qwer. The Main Menu of the user qwer is displayed. This menu contains only three entries, Services, Applications and Software Factory, as only these functionalities were given to qwer.

Press p. The following message is displayed on the bottom line of the screen:

#### Really quitting ? (y/n)

Reply y and press  $\langle RET \rangle$ . This automatically logs out the easylife user, thus ending the current session.

#### **NOTES:**

- The System Administrator should take care when assigning functions to an unskilled user. Some functions, if used ineptly, could crash the system.
- During the configuration of a user, it is often necessary to descend through a hierarchy of menus. Suppose the System Administrator selects certain functions, but not all, in a sub-menu. If the System Administrator returns to a higher level menu, and in response to Number of selected entry: replies a or A, then all of the associated sub-menus will be given to the user. That is, even the functions deliberately not selected at the lower level will be given to the user, if all is specified at a higher level.
- The options in a configuration menu may be either selected, indicated by an asterisk, or not selected, without an asterisk. If an option was selected, and its number is entered again, the option will be rejected. Further modification of this option is permissible.
- Each new easylife user will login with the shell assigned at creation time. The shell escape command, !, invokes the same shell. The user may change the shell, if the Shell Escape option has been included in the menu configuration. The user must consider carefully possible problems due to the differences in syntax between the shells, especially as regards metacharacters.
- The easylife user may make modifications that should be preserved for subsequent sessions; for instance, window definitions. Use the Save Parameters option of the "Easylife" Parameters menu.

• If a prototype for a related group of users already exists, the System Administrator can generate similar new users by selecting Copy Existing User Configuration in the Customize Menu menu. In this case, only the new user names need be supplied.

### **Creating An Application Menu**

To build a personal menu, the easylife user must have been configured with the following items in the Main Menu:

• Services: the user must have all the User Menu options to

build the menus of applications.

• Applications: the user must have the *User* option to launch the personal applications written.

To write personal applications, the user must be familiar with shell scripts and the screen editor vi.

The following specimen session describes how the user qwer, created above, can write two simple applications and include them in a menu. The first, GREETING, simply sends a message to the screen; the second, prf, prints a file on /dev/lp.

- 1. Login as qwer.
- 2. The Main Menu will appear. Select the Services option.
- 3. From the Services Menu, select the User Menu option.
- 4. When the *User Menu Management* is displayed, select the *Create/Modify Menu* option.
- 5. The following message is then displayed:

Shell in use :/bin/sh

This is to remind the user which shell will interpret the application shell scripts, after the Activate Menu option has been selected. Press <RET>.

6. The screen is cleared and an entry is made into the screen editor vi. The user should press i, and then enter the following lines:

To quit vi, press <ESC> and then enter :wq. The name of the menu created is QWER'S PERSONAL MENU. The labels, GREETING and prf, are the menu entry names.

- 7. After the quit, there is an automatic return to *User Menu Management* menu. To compile the new menu, select the *Activate Menu* option.
- 8. The word Wait is displayed in the bottom left corner. When it is replaced by the message:

#### Command performed

the applications should have been compiled. To test this, press p twice to return to the *Main Menu*. Select the *Applications* option.

- 9. When the Applications menu is displayed, select the User option.
- 10. The following menu, of the user's personal applications, is displayed:

QWER'S PERSONAL MENU GREETING prf

Select the GREETING option.

11. The screen blanks. In the top left corner is displayed:

Hello from easylife!

On the bottom line is displayed:

Hit <RET> to continue.

To return to the menu, press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

- 12. User QWER'S PERSONAL MENU is displayed. Select the prf option.
- 13. The screen clears. In the top left corner, the following enquiry is displayed:

What is the filename?

Enter /.login and press <RET>. The .login file of root is printed on /dev/lp.

Press <RET> to return to QWER'S PERSONAL MENU.

- 14. Press p twice to return to the Main Menu.
- 15. Press p. The following message is displayed on the bottom line of the screen:

Really quitting ? (y/n)

Reply y and press  $\langle RET \rangle$ . This automatically logs out the easylife user, thus ending the current session.

#### NOTES:

- If the Bourne shell, /bin/sh, is used to write the shell scripts, make sure that the C shell is not used to run the application.
- The length of the menu name must not exceed 36 characters.
- Each easylife user may have one personal menu with up to 25 entries.

### Making A Hybrid User

Suppose there already exists a normal UNIX user, zxcv, with a login directory, /usr/zxcv. The System Administrator may give this user the facility of accessing an easylife configuration. This means that zxcv will become a 'hybrid' user, able to function as a normal UNIX user or as an easylife user.

To modify zxcv, the System Administrator should perform the following procedure.

- 1. After logging in, the System Administrator should check that the user has a .login file. If not, the System Administrator should create one.
- 2. The menus must be configured for user zrcv. Enter the command:

# easylife

and press <RET>.

- 3. When the Main Menu is displayed, select the System Administration option.
- 4. When the System Administration is displayed, select the User Configuration option.
- 5. The User Configuration menu is displayed. Select the Customize Menu option.
- 6. On the bottom line is displayed:

User name :

Enter zxcv and press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

7. On the bottom line is displayed:

Protect customization ? (y/n)

Enter n and press  $\langle RET \rangle$ . If y, the user's files will be write-protected by root, and therefore unmodifiable by the user.

8. The Customize Menu menu is now displayed.

Proceed, as from step 11 in the "Configuring An easylife User" description. Select only those functionalities required for this hybrid user's menus. The user zxcv will login as a normal UNIX user, but can execute the command easylife, to enter the easylife menus.

### **Making An Anchor**

It is possible to associate an anchor with any menu entry. Because the entry is located directly, without involving repeated menu selection, access time is reduced. The following session describes how to set an anchor on the entry for *Italian* in the *Available Languages* menu. This entry was chosen because it is fairly deeply nested, and thus demonstrates well the improved ease of access. Normally, the user would choose an entry that was frequently used, for example, a *text editor* function.

- 1. Login as qwer.
- 2. The Main Menu will appear. Select the Services option.
- 3. From the Services menu, select the "Easylife" Parameters option.
- 4. When the "Easylife" Parameters menu is displayed, select the User Language option.
- 5. When the Available Languages menu is displayed, move to the Italian option.
- 6. Press < f5 > followed by i to set the letter i as the anchor for this option.
- 7. The following message is displayed in the bottom left corner:

Command performed

Press < RET > to return to the Available Languages menu.

- 8. Press <f3> to return to the Main Menu.
- 9. To test this anchor, press < f6 > followed i.
- 10. The Italian option of the Available Languages is highlighted.
- 11. Press <f3> to return to the Main Menu.

An anchor is more useful if it lasts from session to session. It will last, if it is first saved.

- 12. Select the Services option.
- 13. Select the Anchor Management option.
- 14. To check that i is one of the current anchors, select the List option.
- 15. The screen is cleared and a current list of the anchors, set in easylife, is displayed. This will include a line referring to the anchor in the Available Languages menu, like the following:

#### i : Italian

Press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

- 16. Select the Save Anchors option.
- 17. Press <f3> to return to the Main Menu.
- 18. Press p. The following message is displayed on the bottom line of the screen:

Reply y and press  $\langle RET \rangle$ . This automatically logs out the easylife user, thus ending the current session.

#### **NOTES:**

- An anchor, that has been saved, will remain in force in subsequent sessions until it is removed.
- The user is prevented from accidentally using the same letter twice for different anchors. If this is attempted, the following message will be displayed:

#### Anchor not available

The user should choose instead a previously unused key as the new anchor.

# MANAGING THE PRINTERS WITH easylife

There is a special hybrid user, lp, otherwise known as the Printer Administrator, having a login directory /usr/spool/lp, installed with the package. This user is responsible for managing the printers associated with the system. Only lp can perform all the management functions described below. Specifically, even root cannot correctly execute all these functions. It is assumed that lp is familiar with relevant printer configuration details under UNIX such as device names, classes and protocols.

If the system is heavily loaded, the user may notice the messages Wait and Command Performed being displayed in the bottom left corner. These are advisory messages and require no special action.

## Method

1. The Printer Administrator, *lp*, should login. When the prompt is displayed, enter:

# easylife

and press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

2. The Main Menu of lp is displayed. Select the System Administration option.

3. The System Administration menu is displayed. Select the Printer Configuration option.

At this point, there are many possibilities open to the Printer Administrator. There follows a specimen session which shows how to add a printer to the system and how to assign it to a class. Press < RET >.

- 4. The LP Spooling Management menu is displayed. Select the Printer Management option.
- 5. The Printer Management menu is displayed. Select the Create option.
- 6. In the bottom left of the screen is displayed:

Symbolic name :

Enter printer1. Press <RET>.

7. This line is overwritten with:

Device name :

Enter /dev/lp. Press <RET>.

8. This line is overwritten with:

Protocol model (default dumb) :

To select the default, press < RET>.

9. This line is overwritten with:

Class (optional) :

Enter class1. Press <RET>.

10. This line is overwritten with:

Enter n. Press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

11. A summary of the configuration details is displayed:

```
/usr/lib/lpadmin -pprinter1 -v/dev/lp -mdumb -cclass1
Confirm ? (y/n)
```

Enter y, to confirm that this definition is correct. Press  $\langle RET \rangle$ .

- 12. To test that printer! has been added to the system, select List from the Printer Management menu.
- 13. In the top right corner, a window is displayed containing the line, printer1. This confirms that printer1 is now on the system. Press <RET>. The list disappears.
- 14. When *printer1* is added to the system, it must be configured to accept reports on its queue, and enabled to print those which it has accepted. Select the *Accept* option.
- 15. In the top right corner, a window is displayed containing the line *printer1*. Move down, if necessary, to *printer1* and press <*RET>* to select it.
- 16. After a few seconds, the list window disappears. The 'accepted' printerl is still disabled, that is, unable to print reports. Select the Enable option.
- 17. In the top right corner, a window is displayed containing the line, printer1. Move down, if necessary, to printer1 and press <RET> to select it.
- 18. After a few seconds, the list window disappears. The new printer, printer1, is ready to print reports. Press p to go to the previous menu, LP Spooling Management.

- 19. By now, printer! has been configured and is ready to print reports. To test this, a report will be sent to printer!. Press! to escape to a shell.
- 20. When the prompt, \$, is displayed, enter:

Press <RET>. A message similar to the following is displayed:

21. The English language version of the *Printer Class Management* menus will be printed on *printer1*, that is, /dev/lp. Press ctrl-d to exit from the shell.

The LP Spooling Management menu is displayed. The next part of the session is designed to show how lp may create a printer class, and assign a previously defined printer to be a member of the new class.

- 22. Select the Printer Class Management option.
- 23. Select the Create a Class option.
- 24. In the bottom left of the screen is displayed:

#### Class :

Enter class2. Press < RET>.

- 25. The Select object window is displayed on the top right of the screen. Select printer1. Press < RET>.
- 26. To confirm that the class has been created, select List Classes.
- 27. In the top right corner is displayed a list of classes. One of the lines should be class2. This means that printer1 now belongs to both class1 and class2. Press <RET>.

28. Press p three times to ascend to the Main Menu and exit in the normal way.

The other available menu options may be used in a similar manner.

NOTE: If there any printers on the system that are configured as login terminals, they will be disabled when the scheduler is activated. After a printer administration session, when the scheduler is reactivated, these terminals will not be re-enabled automatically; the Printer Administrator must do this. It is important to realise that a login terminal is disabled without a message being issued to the user concerned. This may cause confusion.

# **SECTION VI**

# A COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL THE MENUS

Most of the menus are self-explanatory. This section lists all the menus, with the sub-menus adjacent to the higher level menus in order to show the overall hierarchical structure.

The titles of each sub-menu are printed in bold type. These are only titles, and not options that may be selected in that sub-menu.

# System Administrator Menus for the Run-Time System

The system disk is supplied with the following menus. With these menus, the System Administrator can only manage the functions of the run-time system and the two delta run-time extensions.

#### Main Menu

Services

Services

Clock

Calendar

Mail

**Electronic Mail** 

View

Write

Remove

**Error Handling** 

**Error Handling** 

View

Move

Remove

"Easylife" Parameters

"Easylife" Parameters

Print Page Length

User Language

**Available Languages** 

English

Italian

French

Window Appearance

Window Appearance

Partial Reverse

**Full Reverse** 

No Reverse

Shell Escape

**Display Parameters** 

Save Parameters

User Menu

User Menu Management

Create/Modify Menu

Activate Menu

**Anchor Management** 

**Anchor Management** 

List

Remove

Remove all

Save Anchors

Messages

Context information

File Management

File Management

Create

Modify

View

Copy

File Copy Copy to Hard Disk Copy to Floppy Disk Remove Move **Print** Execute List All Objects **Directory Management Directory Management** Create Remove Copy Change **Applications Applications** 

User

System Administration

**System Administration** 

File System

File System

Incremental Backup

Back Up

Selective Copy on Floppy Disk

Dump on Magnetic Tape

Restore From Magnetic Tape

Floppy Disk

Floppy Disk

Floppy Disk Formatting

Make File System

Free Space on Hard Disk

**Change Protection Mode** 

**Files Protection** 

Everyone

**Access Permission** 

Read

Write

Execute

**Group Only** 

**Access Permission** 

Read

Write

Execute

Owner Only

**Access Permission** 

Read

Write

Execute

**Activate Protections** 

Make a file system

Mount a file system

Unmount a file system

List mounted file systems

User Configuration

**User Configuration** 

Customize Menu

**Customize Menu** 

All Menus

Interactive Configuration

Copy Existing User Configuration

Create New Easylife User

Create New UNIX User

List Users

Remove User

Create/Modify Password

**Tty Configuration** 

**Process Management** 

**Processes** 

**Processes Status** 

Kill a Process

Printer Configuration

Easyconf

Shutdown

Exit

## System Administrator Menus for the Full System

The following is a list of all the menus available to the System Administrator, when the delta easylife menus have been added to the run-time file system.

#### Main Menu

**Services** 

Services

Clock

Calendar

Mail

**Electronic Mail** 

View

Write

Remove

Calculator

**Error Handling** 

**Error Handling** 

View

Move

Remove

"Easylife" Parameters

"Easylife" Parameters

Print Page Length

User Language

**Available Languages** 

English

Italian

French

Window Appearance

Window Appearance

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Partial Reverse

**Full Reverse** 

No Reverse

Shell Escape

**Choose Editor** 

**Display Parameters** 

Save Parameters

User Menu

User Menu Management

Create/Modify Menu

Activate Menu

**Anchor Management** 

**Anchor Management** 

List

Remove

Remove all

Save Anchors

Messages

Context information

```
File Management
    File Management
    Create
    Modify
    View
    Copy
         File Copy
         Copy to Hard Disk
         Copy to Floppy Disk
    Remove
    Move
    Print
    Execute
    List All Objects
    Directory Management
         Directory Management
         Create
         Remove
         Copy
         Change
     Concatenate Files
    Link Files
     Advanced Functions
         Advanced Functions
         Compare Files
         Find Pattern
         Sort
         Compact
         Expand
         Count
         Find
         Split
              Split Files
              From Head
              From Tail
              Equal Pieces
```

### **Applications**

**Applications** 

**Document Handling** 

**Document Handling** 

Source Handling

**Formatting** 

User

Communication

Communication

**Standard Tools** 

**Standard Tools** 

File Transfer

**Terminal Emulation** 

**Packages** 

**Communication Packages** 

**BSC** Connect

**SNA Connect** 

**LAN Connect** 

PC Connect

VIP Connect

H.B. Connection

**HOST PAD Connection** 

**HOST PAD Connection** 

**HOST PAD Configuration** 

**HOST PAD Server** 

UNIPLEX UNIFY

INFORMIX SQL

**INFORMIX 4GL** 

```
Software Factory
     Software Factory
     C
         C Language
         Source Program Handling
              File Management
              Create
              Modify
              View
              Copy
                   File Copy
                   Copy to Hard Disk
                   Copy to Floppy Disk
              Remove
              Move
              Print
              Execute
              List All Objects
              Directory Management
                   Directory Management
                   Create
                   Remove
                   Copy
                   Change
               Concatenate Files
               Link Files
               Advanced Functions
                    Advanced Functions
                   Compare Files
                   Find Pattern
                   Sort
                    Compact
                    Expand
                    Count
                   Find
                    Split
```

**Split Files** 

From Head

From Tail

**Equal Pieces** 

Compile and Link

Compile and Link

**Select Objects** 

**Compiler Parameters** 

**Compiler Parameters** 

Program Name

**Background Compilation** 

**Optimizer** 

Math Library

**Curses Library** 

Other Libraries

Other options

Compile

**Tools** 

C tools

Cross-Reference

C Program Beautifier

"Make"

Symbolic Debugger

Syntax Analyzer

**Run Programs** 

## C svs C Language SVS Source Program Handling File Management Create Modify View Copy File Copy Copy to Hard Disk Copy to Floppy Disk Remove Move Print **Execute** List All Objects **Directory Management Directory Management** Create Remove Copy Change Concatenate Files Link Files **Advanced Functions Advanced Functions** Compare Files Find Pattern Sort Compact **Expand** Count **Find Split Split Files** From Head

From Tail

**Equal Pieces** 

Compile and Link
Compile and Link
Select Objects
Compile
Run Programs

```
RM/COBOL-85
    COBOL Language
    Source Program Handling
         File Management
         Create
         Modify
         View
         Copy
              File Copy
              Copy to Hard Disk
              Copy to Floppy Disk
         Remove
         Move
         Print
         Execute
         List All Objects
         Directory Management
              Directory Management
              Create
              Remove
              Copy
              Change
         Concatenate Files
         Link Files
         Advanced Functions
              Advanced Functions
              Compare Files
              Find Pattern
              Sort
              Compact
              Expand
              Count
              Find
              Split
                   Split Files
                        From Head
                        From Tail
                        Equal Pieces
```

Compile and Link

COBOL Compiler

Select Objects
Compiler Parameters

Compiling parameters

Executable program name
Background compiling
Listing redirection

Cross-reference
Libraries
Other options
Compile
Run Programs

## **MICRO-FOCUS COBOL COBOL Language** Source Program Handling File Management Create Modify View Copy File Copy Copy to Hard Disk Copy to Floppy Disk Remove Move **Print** Execute List All Objects **Directory Management Directory Management** Create Remove Copy Change Concatenate Files Link Files **Advanced Functions Advanced Functions** Compare Files Find Pattern Sort Compact **Expand** Count **Find Split Split Files** From Head

From Tail

**Equal Pieces** 

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Compile and Link

COBOL Compiler

Select Objects

Compiler Parameters

Compiling parameters

Executable program name

Background compiling

Listing redirection

Cross-reference

Libraries

Other options

Compile

**Run Programs** 

## **SVS BASIC Interpreter SVS FORTRAN SVS FORTRAN Language** Source Program Handling File Management Create **Modify** View Copy File Copy Copy to Hard Disk Copy to Floppy Disk Remove Move **Print** Execute List All Objects **Directory Management Directory Management** Create Remove Copy Change Concatenate Files Link Files **Advanced Functions Advanced Functions** Compare Files Find Pattern Sort **Compact Expand** Count **Find**

**Split** 

Split Files
From Head
From Tail
Equal Pieces

Compile and Link

SVS FORTRAN Compiler

Select Objects

Compile

Run Programs

## **SVS PASCAL SVS PASCAL Language** Source Program Handling File Management Create Modify View Copy File Copy Copy to Hard Disk Copy to Floppy Disk Remove Move **Print Execute** List All Objects **Directory Management Directory Management** Create Remove Copy Change Concatenate Files Link Files **Advanced Functions Advanced Functions** Compare Files Find Pattern Sort Compact **Expand** Count **Find Split Split Files** From Head From Tail

**Equal Pieces** 

Compile and Link

SVS Pascal Compiler

Select Objects

Compile

Run Programs

#### System Administration

**System Administration** 

File System

File System

Incremental Backup

Back Up

Selective Copy On Floppy Disk

**Dump On Magnetic Tape** 

Restore From Magnetic Tape

Floppy Disk

Floppy Disk

Floppy Disk Formatting

Make File System

Free Space on Hard Disk

Change Protection Mode

**Files Protection** 

Everyone

**Access Permission** 

Read

Write

Execute

**Group Only** 

**Access Permission** 

Read

Write

Execute

Owner Only

**Access Permission** 

Read

Write

Execute

**Activate Protections** 

Mount a file system

Unmount a file system

List mounted file systems

User Configuration

**User Configuration** 

Customize Menu

Customize Menu

All Menus

Interactive Configuration

Copy Existing User Configuration

Create New Easylife User

Create New UNIX User

List Users

Remove User

Create/Modify Password

Print "Easylife" Structure

**Tty Configuration** 

**Process Management** 

**Processes** 

**Processes Status** 

Kill a Process

**Printer Configuration** 

Easyconf

Shutdown

Exit

#### **Printer Administrator Menus**

There is an entry, named *Printer Configuration*, in the System Administrator's *System Administration* menu. The relevant menus of this option cannot be accessed by the System Administrator. Only the Printer Administrator, *lp*, may create and modify printers using these functions. All the menus of *lp* are listed below.

```
Main Menu
    Services
         Services
         Clock
         Calendar
         Mail
              Electronic Mail
              View
              Write
              Remove
         Calculator
         Error Handling
              Error Handling
              View
              Move
              Remove
         "Easylife" Parameters
              "Easylife" Parameters
              Print Page Length
              User Language
                   Available Languages
                   English
                   Italian
                   French
              Window Appearance
                   Window Appearance
                   Partial Reverse
                   Full Reverse
```

No Reverse

Shell Escape

Choose Editor

**Display Parameters** 

Save Parameters

User Menu

User Menu Management

Create/Modify Menu

Activate Menu

Anchor Management

**Anchor Management** 

List

Remove

Remove all

Save Anchors

Messages

Context information

#### System Administration

**System Administration** 

**Printer Configuration** 

LP Spooling Management

**Activate Scheduler** 

Stop Scheduler

**Printer Management** 

**Printer Management** 

Create

Delete

List

Accept

Enable

Disable

Reject

Printer Class Management

**Printer Class Management** 

Create a Class

Delete a Class

List Classes

Remove a Printer from a Class

Add a Printer to a Class

List Printers in Class

**Default Destination** 

**Spooling System Status** 

**Scheduler Status** 

**Redirect Print Request** 

**Move Destination** 

**Old Destination** 

**New Destination** 

Activate

**Cancel Print Request** 

Exit

# **SECTION VII**

# easylife ON GCOS4

On machines that support both the UNIX and GCOS4 operating systems, there is a version of easylife that has been enhanced to manage the extra functionality. Selecting <UNIX/GCOS FACILITIES> in the Main Menu, leads to the functions that handle the interface between the two operating systems. Apart from these extra menus, this version of easylife behaves in exactly the same way as the UNIX-only version.

The GCOS files accessed by UNIX are of two types: either a GCOS Support File subfile, or a GCOS Database file. In the easylife menus, these are respectively referred to as a GCOS Sf subfile and a GCOS Db file. The generic term, GCOS file, refers to both types.

## **UNIX/GCOS4** Interface Menus

The additional menus supplied with *easylife* are listed below. The titles of each sub-menu are printed in bold type. It must be stressed that these are titles and not options that may be selected in that sub-menu.

#### Main Menu

UNIX/GCOS Facilities

UNIX/GCOS Facilities

Disk Space Administration

Disk Space Administration

Create partition

Remove partition

List partition

GCOS Batch Jobs

**GCOS Batch Jobs** 

Submit Job

Inspect Job

Inspect Report

GCOS Files Visibility

**GCOS Files Visibility** 

Create access to a GCOS Sf subfile

Create access to a GCOS Db file

Remove access to a GCOS file

List GCOS file description

File Transfer

File Transfer

UNIX to GCOS Sf subfile

UNIX to GCOS Db file

GCOS Sf subfile to UNIX

GCOS Db file to UNIX

**Device Switching** 

**Device Switching** 

UNIX to GCOS Terminal Switch

Diskette Device Allocation

Diskette Device Deallocation

Tape Cartridge Device Allocation

Tape Cartridge Device Deallocation

Printer Device Allocation

Printer Device Deallocation

List Shared Device Status

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